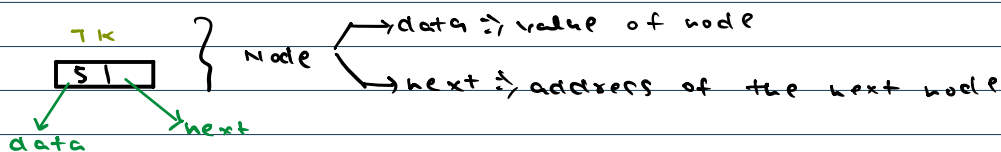
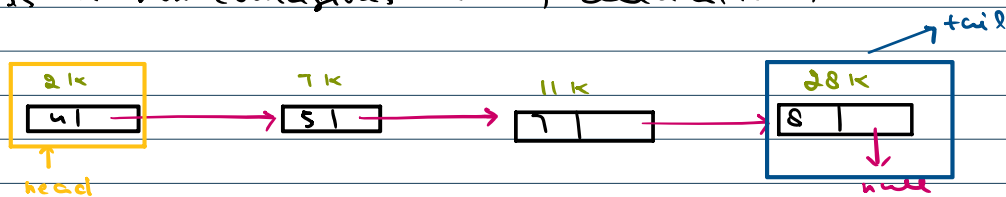


Linked list

It is a linear data structure.

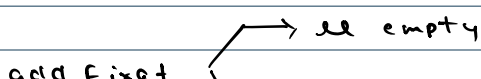
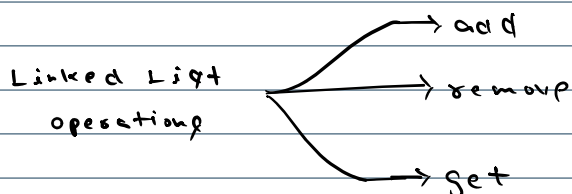
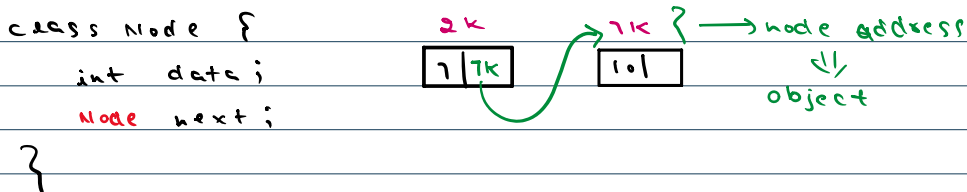
where elements (called nodes) are connected through references.

It is a non-contiguous memory allocation.



Characteristics

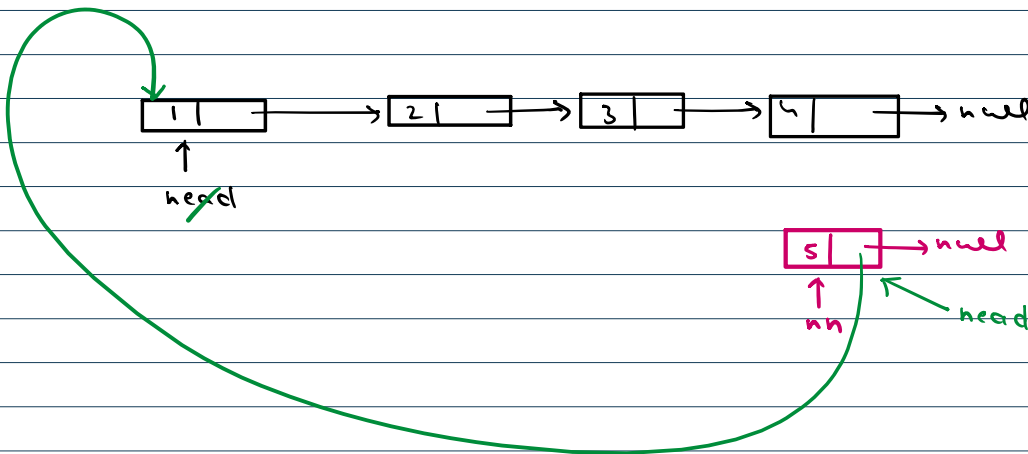
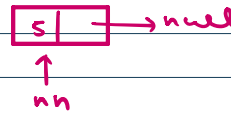
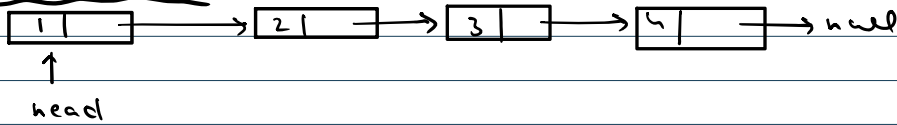
1. Non-contiguous memory allocation
2. Dynamic memory allocation
3. No element shifting (insert/delete)
4. Sequential access
5. Extra memory overhead



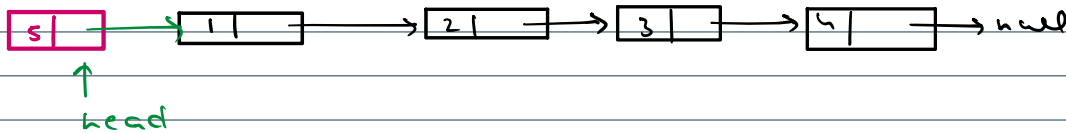
add First

- all empty
- all not empty

all not empty

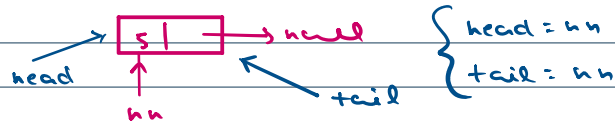


$nn.next = head$
 $head = nn$



all empty

$head = null$
 $tail = null$

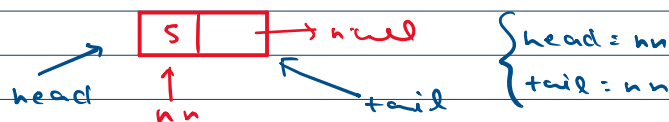


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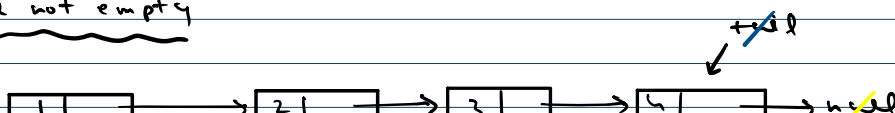
- all empty
- all not empty

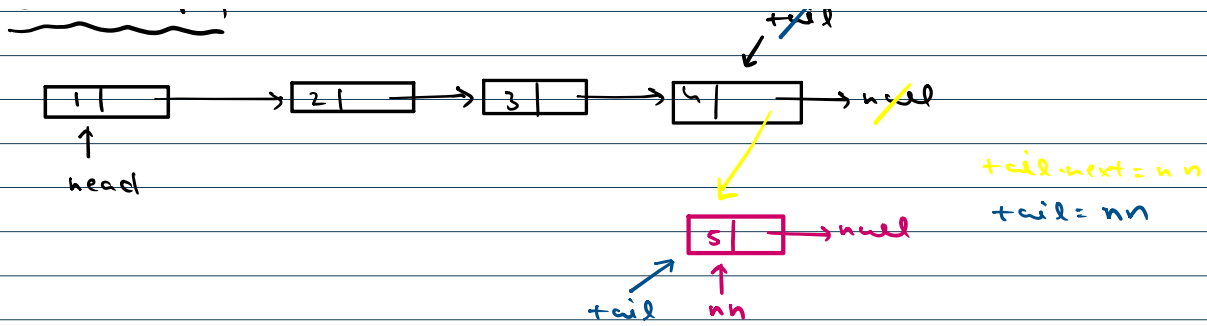
all empty

$head = null$
 $tail = null$

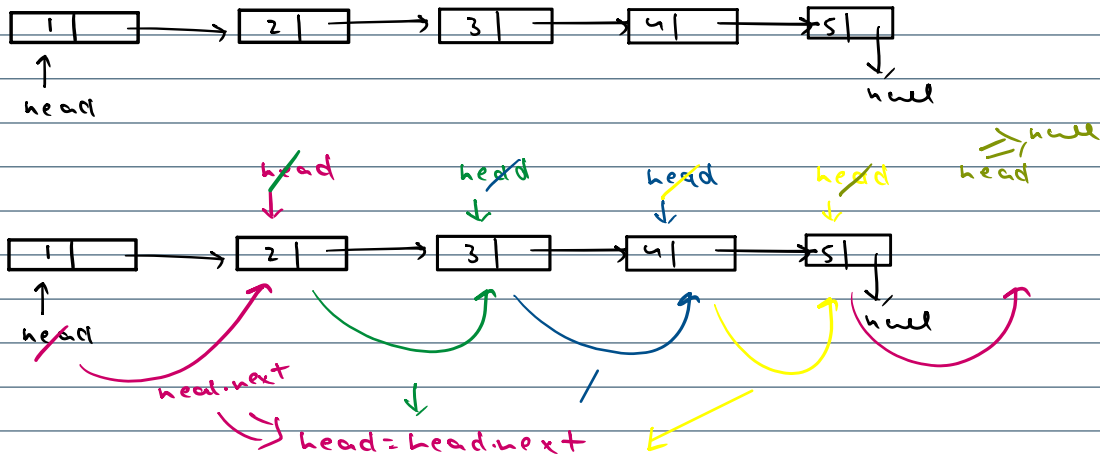


all not empty





display ll



```
while (head != null) {
    print(head.val)
    head = head.next
}
```

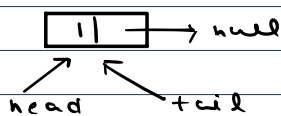
remove

remove first

if $ll > 1$

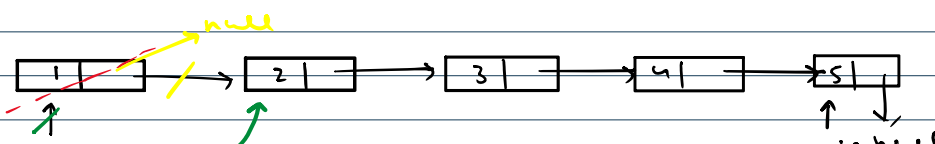
if $ll \leq 1$

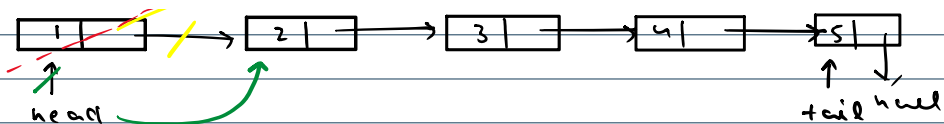
$ll \leq 1$



$\begin{cases} \text{head} = \text{null} \\ \text{tail} = \text{null} \end{cases}$

$ll > 1$



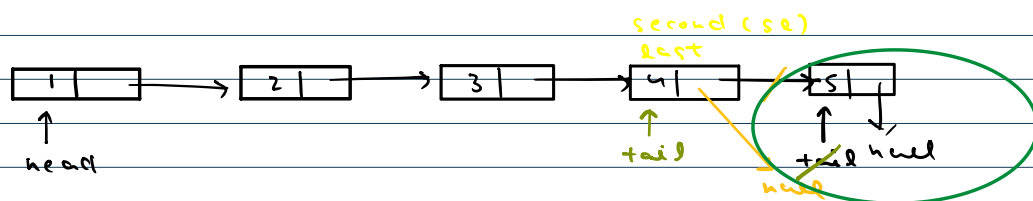


$h = h \rightarrow \text{head}$
 $h = h \rightarrow \text{next}$
 $h \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{null}$

remove Last
 $\swarrow \quad \searrow$
 $ll \leq 1$
 $ll > 1$

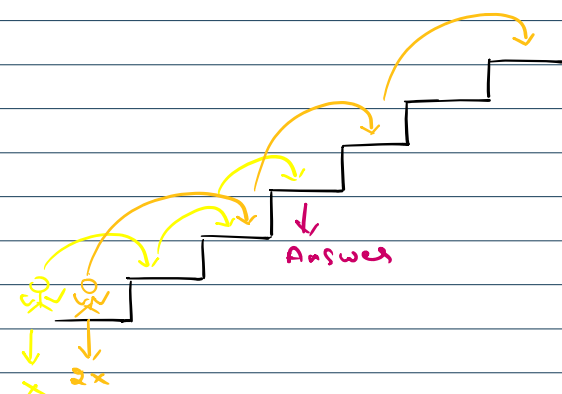
$ll \leq 1 \Rightarrow \text{removeFirst}() \Rightarrow \text{tail} = \text{null}$
 $\text{head} = \text{null}$

$ll > 1$



$\text{tail} = \text{sl}$
 $\text{se} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{null}$

middle of the linked list

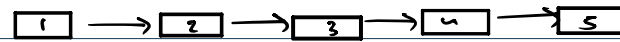


$\Rightarrow \text{Abhay} = 2x \Rightarrow \text{in } 3 \text{ steps each end}$

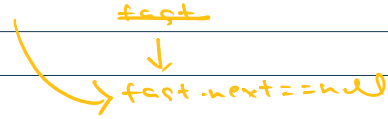
$\Rightarrow \text{Anushka} = x \Rightarrow \text{in } 3 \text{ steps at middle}$



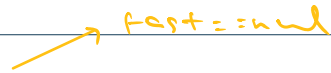
x 2x



slow slow slow
fast fast fast

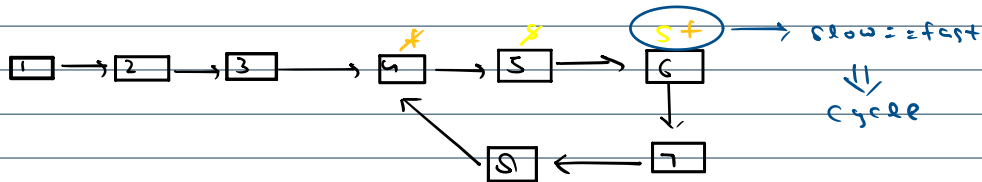
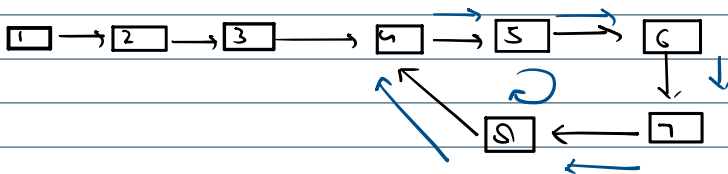


slow slow
fast fast fast



```
class Solution {
    public ListNode middleNode(ListNode head) {
        ListNode slow = head;
        ListNode fast = head;
        while (fast != null && fast.next != null) {
            slow = slow.next;
            fast = fast.next.next;
        }
        return slow;
    }
}
```

Linked List Cycle



cycle

f -> 2x

s -> x

```
public class Solution {
    public boolean hasCycle(ListNode head) {
        ListNode slow = head;
        ListNode fast = head;
        while (fast != null && fast.next != null) {
            fast = fast.next.next;
            slow = slow.next;
            if (slow == fast) {
                return true;
            }
        }
        return false;
    }
}
```

